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August 10, 2004

This year's State budget was part of a larger series of agreements with local governments. One result is the placement of Proposition 1A on the November 2004 ballot.

Proposition 1A is a compromise negotiated by the Governor, legislative leaders and representatives of local government. It will ask the voters to approve a constitutional amendment that will provide fiscal flexibility for the State in time of fiscal crisis while assuring revenue stability for local governments and protecting essential services.

Proposition 1A creates a fiscal partnership between the State and local governments. It will ensure that when local funds are needed to help the State to cope with a fiscal crisis, these funds will be repaid to local governments within a specified time.

The title and summary prepared for Proposition 1A are very clear in this regard.

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The initiative "Protects local funding for public safety, health, libraries, parks, and other locally delivered services. Prohibits the State from reducing local governments' property tax proceeds. Allows the provisions to be suspended only if the Governor declares a fiscal necessity and two-thirds of the Legislature approves the suspension. Suspended funds must be repaid within three years. Also requires local sales tax revenues to remain with local government and be spent for local purposes. Requires the State to fund legislative mandates on local governments or suspend their operation."

I, Therefore, move that the Board of Supervisors go on record in support of Proposition 1A, and actively work for its passage.

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